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School wins top arts award

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The Denny Sanford PREMIER Center was host to more than one state competition at the end of March, with both the state class AA basketball tournament and State Visual Arts Competitions being held. O'Gorman's art department brought home the state championship title for Visual Arts, a first for O'Gorman.

The competition is fairly new, after only having begun just last year. With more than 307 individual entries, O'Gorman beat out the rest to win the title.

The following individuals received recognition for their art work: senior Danielle Brule' awarded first place in Painting (Oil and Acrylic), freshman Hanna DeBondt awarded second place in Painting (Watercolor), senior Philip Dohn awarded second place in Printmaking, junior Tommy Fritz awarded second place in Drawing, senior Josie Johnson awarded second place in Multimedia/Graphic Design, senior Simon Kim awarded sixth place in Traditional Cultural Art, senior Emily Muenster awarded sixth place in Three Dimensional Art, senior Isabelle Oneal awarded fourth place in Drawing (Color), senior Jenae Porter awarded fifth place in Mixed-Media, junior Mary Rogers awarded first place in Photography, and senior Parker Smith awarded first place in Crafts (Pottery).

Mixed Media category winner, Porter, devoted many hours to her award winning piece, titled Anna Sun.



KNIGHT SCROLL

The O'Gorman Visual Arts winners include (from left to right) Isabelle Oneal, Mr. Gary Siska, Mary Rogers, Parker Smith, Jenae Porter, Tom Fritz, Josie Johnson, Hannah DeBondt, Philip Dohn, Danielle Brule' Emily Muenster, Seunghu Kim, and Mr. Patrick Frankman.

tled Anna Sun.

"I probably racked up a total of twenty some hours including the beginning process of picking the concept. I wanted to convey all the way to the final details," said Porter "A bulk of my time spent was using trial and error because I used processes that were new to me."

Mr. Gary Siska believes this time commitment is uniform across the department.

"These are extensive works of art," said Siska. "Most students

will take between two and four weeks to complete a piece."

Mr. Patrick Frankman felt the win came as an unexpected but welcome surprise.

"It was a great surprise and a unique experience to win as a team," said Frankman. "I view each piece of art as a success because the students learn something about the process and/or themselves each time they create something new."

Brule' draws inspiration for her pieces from her daily life.

"My biggest inspiration is life in general," said Brule'. "Whatever I'm experiencing whether good or bad can be transformed into art."

Frankman emphasizes the importance of unique and individual art work while working with his students.

"It is important to provide the viewer with something unique to look at so that they stay engaged with the art," said Frankman. "I encourage them to express who they are as individuals, instead of

trying to make art that looks like someone else's."

Although graduating some talented seniors, Siska has high hopes for next year's group of young artists.

"We have a number of extremely talented underclassmen in the visual art program," said Siska. "I really can't wait till next year. Looking into the future my main goal will be to keep these students motivated and challenged artistically, creatively, and intellectually."

School moves forward with technology plan

Ben Longley
Assistant Editor

As most students noticed, the OG.net wifi network was taken down during the second semester. Although there was initial opposition from the student body there were many reasons for the school's removal of the network.

One of the main reasons for the removal of OG.net was for the addition of 216 access points throughout the school systems.

"Once the new access points were in-

stalled, we moved SFCS owned staff and student computers to the new infrastructure and shut the old one down," said Director of Information Technology Joe Hurley. "There were two main reasons for the upgrade: security and speed."

In addition to the new access points, the SFCS school system also hopes to move to a more one to one plan.

"This plan will be implemented in phases because of financial restrictions. It is not a true one to one plan yet, but it is our intent to have devices available anytime for all students who need one," con-

tinued Hurley.

Although initially every student would not have their own device, there would be an increased number of devices throughout the school system. The school's plan would improve the learning process for students and better prepare them for the future.

The new changes are exciting for the underclassmen of O'Gorman.

"The possibility of moving to a one to one plan is exciting for us freshmen," said Nathan Angerhofer. "It would be really nice having all our school work online and

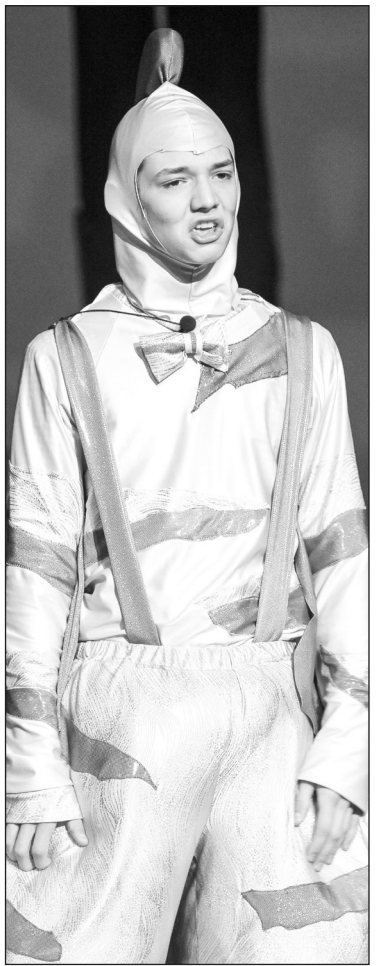
more easily accessible."

Not everyone will get to take advantage of these new devices. Seniors graduating this month will not see the plan in full fruition.

"I would have liked to have used some of this new technology that will be present in college, but it is good that the younger students will have the opportunity to prepare for what it will be like after high school," said senior Jack Peery.

The school will continue to improve its technology infrastructure to better help the students.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

UNDER THE SEA. Audiences packed the Lorang Theatre April 19-23 for the musical *The Little Mermaid*. Cast members included (from left to right) Anthony Nelson as Prince Eric, Emmy Bear as Ursula, Adam Catangui as Sebastian, Cassie Schoenhard as Ariel and Ben Gellerman as Flounder.

School officials warn students of vaping risks, consequences

Ben Longley
Joe Angerhofer

Vaping is on the rise for young people, and there is no tolerance for it at O’Gorman High School. Even if a student is 18 and can legally buy a vape, it is not allowed if a person is a student at O’Gorman.

Officer Runyan called the rise, “trendy” and said, “the increase of students vaping might be attributed to the stealth that vapes and e-cigs can provide.”

“I hope for the sake of our students we can rise above trends,” said principal Kyle Groos.

Some students have seen this new trend growing first hand.

“Although there are some people who have decided to vape, I have ignored this trend because I care about my health,” said senior Charley Illg.

A problem with this phenomenon is that it is so new that few laws have been created specifically for it. Runyan said that he can only give out a citation for nicotine if there is an underage vaper.

Most shops specializing in vapes clearly post that one must be 18 or older to purchase a vape. However the lack of legal

regulation on vapes makes it easy for this age requirement to be overlooked.

The versatility of a vape gives people the option to use other substances other than nicotine.

“Most E-liquid is composed of nicotine, vegetable glycerin, propylene glycol, and food grade flavorings,” said employees at a local vape shop.

“There are still health concerns and it is not a safe alternative to cigarettes,” said Runyan.

Not only can vaping give people the ability to use other substances but it can

also attract them to these other substances.

“Once you get a taste of something, going further and adding to that becomes easier,” said Groos.

Someone who vapes eventually gets used to the nicotine, and it will not have the same effects that it did when a person first started vaping. This is a problem because it leads to users chasing a new effect that comes from other substances.

It is against the rules for any O’Gorman student to vape using nicotine.

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School looks to outside for new football coach

Joe Angerhofer
Assistant Editor

The Knights football team has seen little variation from the ground pound offense that Steve Kueter has been running for the past 33 years. The future however, won’t hold much of the same as Kueter is retiring.

Incoming coach Jayson Poppinga is migrating from Pierre to take over as head coach of the varsity football team. Poppinga, on top of taking position as head football coach, will also be teaching biology and chemistry.

Poppinga, who is a native of Harrisburg, expressed the importance of family. “The move was the right one for my family,” said Poppinga. “My two year old daughter Jori will be closer to Grandpa and Grandma, which is important.”

“Championship teams are always able to

run the ball, but O’Gorman will be a very well balanced offensive attack. The goal is to be closer to 50/50 run, pass,” said Poppinga.

O’Gorman, being one of the smallest schools in the AAA division, tends to have a smaller family than most teams. Poppinga believes there are no excuses, though.

“Each player has a responsibility to the team to be prepared: both physically and mentally to perform at the highest level,” said Poppinga. “The size of the school isn’t the deciding factor on who wins football games.”

Family is important and that’s exactly how junior Jacob Tupper described his experience with football.

“The team I was on this year was a family. It is going to be strange going to the MAC with a new family next year,” said Tupper.

What underclassman will you miss the most?

Tru Johnson:

"My brother, Penn, because he is my best friend and I will miss going to his sporting events."

Chris Lauer:

"I will miss Sam Billion the most. Actually, I'm going to miss his mom's cinnamon rolls the most."

Kelly Maxwell:

"I will miss my little brother Nicki. He is the most genuine person that I know. It has been so much fun spending my senior year with him because he is so talented and funny. Love you, Nicki!"

Carter Schulz:

"Rudy Lawler because he has really good and obscure memes."

Melissa Sierra:

"Will Brunner, because he is a national treasure and one of the funniest people I know. Also he has a great sense of style."

Mary Bennett:

"Ali North because she is awesome, sweet, and an amazing friend and she is never afraid to listen to you if you need her."

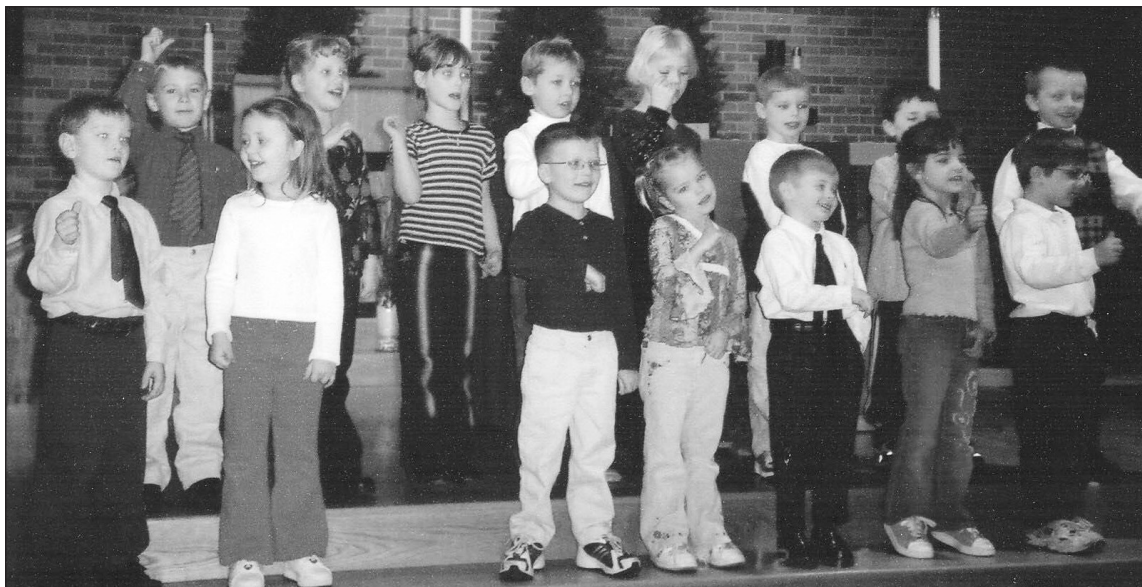
Michael Kayser:

"Justin Boone, because the kid's a goofball."

Zach Shaw:

"Alex King, his impersonations of Republican candidates deserve a show on Broadway."

When We Were Young



Athletes look to further careers as several sign to play in college

Ethan French
Ben Longley

As high school comes to an end, more than 20 seniors look forward to continuing their athletic careers at the college level.

Boston Bauer, Dodi Makwinja, Jack Peery, Jimmy Pio, Luke Fritsch, Nick Walker and Zach Renshaw all plan to play football in college. Makwinja and Peery will continue their careers at the University of South Dakota, a division one program.

"As I transition from high school to college athletics, my goals are to be on the travel squad as a freshman, which has never been done before, and I am most looking forward to seeing the crazy hype of a Saturday gameday on a college campus," said senior Zach Renshaw.

Ben Lauer is going to attend Minnesota State Moorehead to

play basketball.

"My goal is to improve myself athletically. I am looking forward to meeting new people and playing ball," said Lauer.

Three O'Gorman golfers are attending schools with aspirations to participate in college athletics. Jacob Otta is en route to South Dakota State University; his O'Gorman teammates, Brendan Bassing and Grant Kolb, will be attending and playing for the University of Sioux Falls.

Tiegen Lindner and Emma Hertz will both continue their careers in college. Lindner will be attending Augustana for baseball whereas Hertz will be attending USF for track.

"As I transition to college athletics, my goals are to successfully play at a collegiate level and continue to practice my baseball skills at a higher level," said Lindner. "I

am most looking forward to meeting new friends and teammates and getting accustomed to college life."

Four other O'G baseball players will be moving on to play in college. Luke Rysavy, Connor Hurley, Charley Illg and Chandler Schaeferbauer are all preparing to take their skills to their respective colleges.

There are three swimmers pursuing college athletics. Joseph Angerhofer will be attending the University of North Dakota, Kady Harris to Northern State University, and Rebekah Honner to the College of Saint Mary.

Alex Anderson will be attending Gustavus Adolphus College to continue her volleyball career. Mackenzie Hansen plans to continue her softball career at Buena Vista in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Alyssa Weidler will take on both soccer and track in college.

What is your favorite high school memory?

Maren Curley:

"Getting mistaken for Ms. Shields daily."

Greg Schumacher:

"Having wifi first semester senior year."

Taryn Sakry:

"Studying abroad in Germany."

Eric Kangas:

"Senior year cross country with the guys."

Rachel Townsend:

"Winning state tennis junior year."

Alyssa Weidler:

"Going sledding during open campus."

Claire Berman:

"Performing in West Side Story."

Who is your favorite teacher?

Emily Muenster:
“Frau Kuchenbecker because we eat German food and use our phones productively in class.”

Kassidy Skuza:
“Ms. Shields because she is a little ball of energy.”

Logan Kobernusz:
“Mr. Siska because he has helped me realize my artistic side.”

Alex Anderson:
“Mr. Gordon. His enthusiasm for what he does gives students the same enthusiasm for what we are learning.”

Rachel Townsend:
“Mrs. Brose. She has helped me with a lot more than Spanish, including my faith and morality.”

Isaac Harris:
“Ms. Schnell because she enjoys and is good at what she teaches. She is helpful and cares about the students.”

Abbie Pierce:
“Mrs. Nohrenberg because she keeps it real while still making everything fun.”

Senior most likely to...

- Be a Professional Athlete
1. Luke Fritsch
 2. Dodi Makwinja
 3. Jack Peery
 4. Joe Angerhofer
 5. Brenden Bassing

- Travel the World
1. Zach Shaw
 2. Seunghu Kim
 3. Parker Smith
 4. Max Sommervold
 5. Ben Lauer

- Discover Atlantis
1. Ambrose Lokolong
 2. Max Sommervold
 3. Brady McCann
 4. Phillip Gerwer
 5. Aaron Steele

- Cure Cancer
1. Carter Schulz
 2. Cole Edwards
 3. Austin Bauer
 4. Greg Schumacher
 5. Michael Leon

- Teach at O’Gorman
1. Zach Kirsch
 2. Anthony Nelson
 3. Sam Johnson
 4. Luke Fritsch
 5. Andrew White

- Have a Million Twitter Followers
1. Zach Shaw
 2. Jack Peery
 3. Dodi Makwinja
 4. Luke Fritsch
 5. Jack Baker

- Become President
1. Zach Renshaw
 2. Zach Shaw
 3. Cole Edwards
 4. Adam Martin
 5. Chris Lauer

- Star on Broadway
1. Anthony Nelson
 2. Chris Schall
 3. Sean Miles
 4. Zach Shaw
 5. Ambrose Lokolong

- Win an Oscar
1. Sean Miles
 2. Lucas Anderson
 3. Chris Schall
 4. Anthony Nelson
 5. Chris Lauer

- Become a CEO
1. Eric Kangas
 2. Cole Edwards
 3. Ryan Scholten
 4. Chris Lauer
 5. Ben Longley

Senior ready to venture to happiest place on earth

Connor Bell
Assistant Editor

The magic of Walt Disney World captivates families with its magnificent parks and delightful characters. Senior Anthony Nelson has hopes of joining the magical team of characters at Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Anthony has the support of his father Scott Nelson, a Disney enthusiast.

“Anthony is living my dream of working at Disney,” said Mr. Nelson.

Anthony has been a part of musicals, plays, and various types of choir opportunities. Just this spring he played Prince Eric in O’Gorman’s production of *The Little Mermaid*.

Anthony will be moving to Orlando after the school year to audition for a role of a character. Anthony’s older brother, Austin, is a character at Disney World as well.

“My entire life, Disney has been a huge part of my life. My love of performing and being on a stage is the reason why I want to continue to pursue that in any way I can,” said Anthony.

Character auditions are quite strenuous as the process is selective. An applicant can be at an audition anywhere from one to six hours.

The applicants if chosen must go through



Anthony Nelson

an extensive training program. If playing a notable movie character applicants must learn their character well.

If playing a fur character applicants must work more on their mannerisms and their signature. While in a park the cast members must never break character or remove the head on their costume.

Who Said It?

1. “Jay Gatsby isn’t real.”
2. “Don’t do stupid.”
3. “Seriously, guys.”
4. What’s up muffin?”
5. “Do I need to draw you a picture?”
6. “Subtraction is peasant’s work.”
7. “You need to shave.”
8. “Too low!”
9. “Hmmm...interesting.”
10. “I need to see the following people in the office.”

Answers:

1. Mr. Basche 2. Mr. Lorang 3. Mrs. Booth 4. Ms. Shields 5. Mr. Krier 6. Mr. Lindemann 7. Mr. Van Engen 8. Mr. Kolsrud 9. Mr. Van Engen 10. Mrs. Mahoney

How has your Catholic education impacted you?

Jenae Porter:
“It was just the right amount of competition and challenge for me to push myself to my fullest potential and stay motivated.”

Taryn Sakry:
“My Catholic education has increased my understanding of others and respect for life.”

Alyssa Rokusek:
“It has strengthened my faith and inspired me to go to a Catholic university.”

Katie Drummond:
“My education has pushed me. I know that my faith can get me through anything life throws at me.”

Claire Berman:
“My Catholic education is so valuable to me because it has given me a great faith basis. I know that I’m a more faith-filled Catholic because of my school experience.”

Senior heads to New York to pursue military training

Shreya Chandran
Editor-in-Chief

This year’s seniors will be entering a variety of fields, from beginning a four year college experience to joining the military.

Senior Max Sommervold will be taking that approach by attending the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y.

Since this academy is primarily focused on transport and international waterways, Sommervold will likely be going into the Merchant Marines, but his options are not limited.

“I will have the option to be an officer in any branch however and am also looking at the Army and Marine Corps,” said Sommervold.

In order to be considered, Sommervold was required to send in a resume, get congressional nominations and letters of recommendation from teachers, write an essay, give detailed information about himself and his family, and declare a probable major.

Despite the lengthy application process, Sommervold is confident in his choice.

“I decided to do this because I want to serve people and it is a way to go through college without a huge tuition while also swimming in college.”

As he continues his education after high school, Sommervold is certain that O’Gorman played a role



Max Sommervold

in preparing him for that next step.

“O’Gorman has challenging academics and has a high level of discipline that I hope will help me adapt to the life at the academy,” said Sommervold.

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Seniors plan to pursue fine arts in college

Shreya Chandran
Melissa Sierra

This fall, several seniors will be pursuing their passion of the arts as they begin college.

Sean Miles

Senior Sean Miles will be attending the University of South Dakota to study acting specialization. After participating in several productions at O’Gorman as well as becoming heavily involved in oral interpretation, Miles decided to follow his passion into college.

“I couldn’t see me doing anything else. Just thinking about all the shows I’ll do throughout college excites me. I’m ready to be challenged and become a better actor,” said Miles.

After receiving his degree, Miles plans on pursuing a career as a professional actor.

“My main goal is to be part of a professional theatre production or being in films. So many people have this mentality now of carving their own path and working together to make a television series like a Netflix Original or a film come to life and I want to be part of that,” said Miles.

While his interests lie with acting, he is fascinated by teaching as well.

“I love [acting] so much that I would even enjoy teaching it, and I’m thinking about getting my Secondary Education Certification,” said Miles.

As he prepares for life after high school, Miles is grateful to all who have supported him along the way.

“My interp coach, Ms. Fester, has done so much for me and has improved my skills and continues to do so. Mr. Nelson cast me in my first show and that’s where I found my love for theatre. My teammates in interp have also made me better. Thank you is not enough.”

Miles has advice for any students discerning their vocation.

“I have a strong passion for acting and want to pursue it in my life. Do what you love, something you have passion for and that goes for every job.”

Emmy Bear

Senior Emmy Bear is using the performing skills she honed at O’Gorman to pursue her love of musical theatre. She will be attending Millikin University in Decatur, Ill.

“I decided to pursue musical theatre because it’s always been something I love, and I can’t picture myself doing and enjoying anything else. It’s something I’m so passionate about,” said Bear.

After moving to Sioux Falls and joining O’Gorman her sophomore year, Bear believes her roles in high school prepared her well for the added rigor of college acting.

“O’Gorman has pushed me to get better in so many ways. There are so many talented people so

I’ve had to work hard in order to achieve what I want, and really compete to get there,” said Bear.

“I’m so excited to go deeper into the content of a play and analyze characters more than I have in the past. I’m also really looking forward to getting more dance experience,” said Bear.

As the year comes to a close, Bear says she owes much of her success to her oral interpretation coach, Teresa Fester.

“Ms. Fester has been the biggest part of shaping me through my high school career as she’s pushed and encouraged to do things I never thought I would achieve or be able to do. She has been so supportive through everything,” said Bear.

After obtaining her degree, Bear plans on auditioning on a larger scale.

“My biggest dream would be to play Eponine on Broadway,” said Bear.

Jenae Porter

This fall, senior Jenae Porter will study Studio Art at the University of South Dakota. Porter achieved success this past year at the national level, winning a National Silver Medal from the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. After discovering her talent for art, she decided to turn her passion into a career path.

“Art is something I’m very passionate about, and as the saying goes, you never work a day in your life if you’re doing some-

thing you love,” said Porter. “It is a vital part of my life and there is hardly anything I feel more strongly about.”

Porter believes much of her success is owed to the guidance she received from Mr. Gary Siska.

“Mr. Siska is so intelligent and well-rounded in all aspects through his own work and experience,” said Porter. “He knows exactly how to train your eye to see conceptually and spatially. Over my high school career I’ve learned from him how to build off of your mistakes to make a piece of artwork better.”

Porter believes that art serves many purposes, and plays a large role in how she and others can express themselves. She pushes for others to become involved in art in some way in their own lives.

“Art is a great coping mechanism; it is used to express the complexity of our emotions that we ourselves do not always understand,” said Porter.

Although certain she would like to pursue art, Porter has left her career options open for now. Her career ideas range from mosaic design, gallery work, and even work with National Geographic. Regardless, Porter looks forward to what the future will bring.

“My ideas are all over the place and the opportunities are endless,” said Porter.

Josie Johnson

Senior Josie Johnson is heading to Colorado State University to pursue a dual major in art and psychology.

After recognizing her passion for the arts, Johnson has decided to mesh her artistic interests with her desire to help people.

“I hope to learn about how the brain works along with various mediums in art and eventually become an art therapist,” said Johnson. “I think there is something so beautiful about bringing art into people’s lives to cure whatever is going on up in their minds.”

With support from her parents, Johnson made the decision to follow her artistic interests in college.

“There can never be enough art in the world,” said Johnson. “My parents taught me doing what you love is far more important than making enough money. I feel like I will be so much happier if it’s what I get to do every day.”

Johnson believes that both Mr. Gary Siska and Mr. Patrick Frankman’s approach to teaching is what has helped her bring life into her artwork.

“Mr. Frankman and Mr. Siska do a great job of teaching their students that art is based on love,” said Johnson. “No matter what you do with your image or your painting, as long as it can evoke an emotion, you are doing it correctly.”





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